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Office of the Secretary
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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Federal Communications Commissioners,

On behalf of the people of Eagle County, Colorado, I encourage you to adopt your Low Power FM (LPFM) proposal to create licenses for radio stations broadcasting at 1000 watts, 100 watts and 1-10 watts.

Our rural community currently has no local public radio station due, in part, to the prohibitive costs associated with licensing and equipping such a station under current FCC rules and regulations. A recent broadcast engineering study funded by a grassroots group of locals here found no available frequencies on the noncommercial portion of the FM spectrum, where a Denver-based statewide National Public Radio affiliate and a Christian network broadcaster based hundreds of miles away now dominate the airwaves. Experts estimate that obtaining a frequency in the commercial portion of the FM spectrum (by competing at auction against well-funded commercial broadcasters) could cost \$100,000 or more, a daunting price that is well beyond the means of our not-for-profit community group.

We've closely watched and cheered the triumph of our state's newest community radio station, KAFM, which recently began broadcasting in Grand Junction, 170 miles to the west. Yet the seven years of sweat equity and more than \$150,000 invested to win a license and bring the diminutive 16-watt station to the airwaves illustrates the high hurdles small communities like ours must overcome in order to develop even the most basic community radio service. Such barriers to entry into the radio marketplace unfairly favor commercial and noncommercial behemoths at the expense of smaller, local owners and consequently undermine the quality of radio broadcasts in our community.

That quality continues to decline in the wake of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Since the act's passage, five of the six commercial stations broadcasting in our county have come under the control of a single company, removing already scant local programming and replacing it with preprogrammed play lists, dj's and national talk show hosts piped in via satellite. Not only have community voices and ideas been eliminated here, they've been replaced with haughty diatribe (Rush Limbaugh, Dr. Laura and Don Imus, just to name a few) that more often than not fails to reflect the interests of our community.

We fully understand the concerns of current broadcasters to protect the integrity of the signals they've paid so much to monopolize. Yet we believe that advances in broadcast technology, including the proliferation of digital tuners in our homes and cars, can allow additional low power stations to coexist with larger broadcasters. We therefore suggest

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you allow new low-power stations to occupy the third- and even the second-adjacent channels beside existing signals.

As for the scope of the current FCC proposal, to ensure local programming, we suggest you require licenses be granted only to individuals who live in their proposed service area, and that each station owner be limited to a single broadcast license. Furthermore, we suggest that you allow unlicensed broadcasters who voluntarily stopped their broadcasts before low power licenses were available be allowed to apply for and obtain the new low power licenses.

Our only other quibble is with your recommendation to give priority to 1,000-watt stations over those using less broadcast power. While we would welcome the opportunity to apply and obtain a 1,000-watt low-power broadcast license, we also recognize that small community broadcasters in more populated areas around the nation would likely be squeezed out of the market (or would never be able to enter it) if 1,000-watt stations were given "primary service" broadcast rights. Thus we strongly suggest that your final proposal either eliminate this licensing preference, or remove the 1,000-watt category altogether. Furthermore, we suggest you give serious consideration to the creation of a 1-10-watt license category, which will likely go farther to promote the cause of diversity in broadcasting than any higher-wattage licenses you may grant.

In support of the creation of low power licenses, I happily submit a petition with the names and addresses of 200 Eagle County, Colorado, residents who believe our community would be greatly enhanced by the establishment of a low-power community-owned and operated FM station. By approving the proposed low power FM licenses, you would help give our community the local voice it needs and deserves.

Thank you,

Alex Markels
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970-827-9503

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Name	Address	Phone
1. Scott Norman	2875 Manns Ranch Rd Vail 81657	970 476 8751
2. NATE CHAMBERS	7.0. Box 8554 BUELLEN RD CO 80424	970-547-4101 "YEAH"
3. Ashleigh Anderson	5601 S. Jibel Wy Aurora 80015	303-766-3856
4. ROBERT WEBER (DJ)	VAIL (GOLF CREEK COUNTRY CLUB)	
5. John Sullivan	Vail	949-4840
6. Dart Johnson	1212 Elmwood Dr DEN CO 80202	331-6731
7. Jason Hebel	675 Lionshead Circle	476-8341
8. GARY MIGNON	Timber Ridge #41 Frontage Road	
9. Christina Chedow Brunner		748-1235
10. Bub Colman	Boulder	6645041
11. (S.P.) PAGAN	Vail	476-3390
12. MATT SUTTER	2074 RIAN GULCH RD. SILVERTHORPE CO. 80435	
13. Erick VanTuxl	626 E 20th St N. N.Y. 10009	

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Name	Address	Phone
1. James Spear	Box 5001 Breckinridge	CO 80004 9704531595
2. Susan Roussier	1116 Sandstone Rd #102	479-7410
3. Bobby Silverman	P.O. Box 142 Edwards	748-8425
4. Bill Rindley	P.O. Box 1207 Vail	949-4277
5. Lucy Engleman	245 Pine St Minturn	
6. James Brennan	0054 Columbine Cr. Eagle Vail	843-7865
7. Larry Winston	1534 Sansome Cr Aurora, CO	
8. Fred Wentzell	P.O. Box 421 Azusa	CO 80420
9. Elwood BARRETT	689 CR 12 A P.O. # 22 ALMA, CO	80420
10. Debbie Knight	6249 Claremont Chicago, IL	60659
11. Michele Z	Box 2053 Avon, CO	81620
12. Roberto A. Reviglio	PO BOX 6075 Avon CO	81620
13. John Goldfarb	P.O. Box # 1488 VAIL CO	81657

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Name	Address	Phone
1. Jill Justice	2801 BASINGDALE BLV. #8	476-6469
2. JOHN S. TAMERIN JR	54 CORNBINE CIRCLE, AVON, CO 81620	(827) 9590
3. Amy Minarski	PO Box 515 Minturn CO	81645
4. Ken Klein	PO 4915 Vail	845-7286
5. Chad Yost	PO Box 1104 Minturn CO	827-4234
6. Ann Federowicz	1706 Geneva Dr. Vail, Co.	
7. JoAnna Roe	1710 Geneva #2	476-6180
8. Amy DUNLAP	PO BOX 5906 VAIL, CO.	81658
9. Trina Stauff	205 Baldwin Hall Stevens Point, WI	54481 715-346-2461
10. Megan Carolan	223 Baldwin Hall Stevens Pt., WI	54481 715-346-2461
11. Brian Neely	PO 1605 Vail CO	81657 479-1098
12. Trinity Swape	1706 Geneva Dr Vail Co	81657
13. Rosemary Wentzell	Box 7458 Breck	9704537506

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1. Danny Shapiro		845-7301
2. Brandi Hargis	P.O. Box 5092 Dillon CO	513-0209
3. Clea Dudley	PO Box 4880 ^{Trislo} CO	608-8088
4. Scott Schell	PO Box 2603 Fresno Co,	485-0566
5. Christopher Garcia	P.O. Box 1792 Silverthorne, CO	4682908
6. Wally Proff	P.O. Box 1179 MINTURN, CO	81645
7. A M W	5187 BLACK GORE, #1 VAIL, CO	81657
8. C.H.	PO Box 18515 Avon Co	81620
9. J. Whitehurst	⁷⁵⁷⁴ PO Box 7575 Avon, CO	81620
10. J. E. H.	P.O. 1876 VAIL CO.	81657
11. Stewart Salla	1431 Kendall Boulder, CO	80303
12. Varillevar	1431 Kendall Dr. Boulder, CO	80303
13. Darin Back	P.O. Box 1497, Avon, CO	81620

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1. David Davis	PO BOX 11901	925-2549 ^{Apex}
2. Kimberly Nadelini	4204 Lyman Ave	Mallatzen
3. Karen STEEN	Box 211	Vail Co, 81658
4. Brad Maraccini	Box 4730	Dillon Co, 80435
5. Steven Thrall	PO BOX 1591	Eagle CO 81631
6. Barbara DiDio	Germany	49-711-773-8965
7. Rodney Coquia	Box 3337	Vail 949-6258
8. Ali Binks	PO Box 605	Berkshires 453 5610
9. Danny Caballero	12345	East Cove Dr. 32826
10. Todd Turner	PO Box 18332	Avon Co 81620
11. OREN WOOL	Box 2936	VAIL Co 81658
12. Alex Abbott	PO 2101	Dillon Co 80435
13. for Ryland	424 W 33rd St	NYC 10011

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1. BRETT DEUTSCHER PO 4848 VAIL CO 81658 970 479 7339
2. ALA MARKELS POB 985 MINTURN CO 81645 970-827-9503
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4. Sam Myhre 8201 Eastwood dr Lincoln NE
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12. Erica Samach PO Box 8840 Keystone, CO
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1. Frida Antignos	12 So. Frontage Rd. Vail	970 479-7888
2. Tim Bryendson	PO Box 1028 Vail	81658 845-1006
3. Ross Palmer	PO Box 2234 Vail CO	81658 (970) 827-9101
4. Megan Baxter	PO Box 515 Minturn	CO 81645 827-9890
5. Sean Crowley	PO 7771 Avon, CO.	81620 920-6897
6. USA Walter Stewart	1865 Main St. Minturn, CO	81645 (970) 827-4234
7. John R. DeWitt	231 main s + minturn Co	
8. Jeremy Beaufort	274 P.O. Box Minturn CO	81645 827-9878
9. Adam Anderson	P.O. Box 3922 Avon	CO 81620 845-9627
10. Greg Conway	PO Box 2729 Avon	81620
11. Jeff Kennedy	Box 442 MINTURN	81645
12. Jane Anderson	Box 1077 MINTURN, CO.	81645 827-4046
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1. Joe Smith Bloch	1736 Race St. Denver 80206	949-4100
2. Ruth Bloch	11 Jasmine St Denver 80220	377-3503
3. LARRY McMAHER	PO Box 19225 Avon CO 81620	926-8913
4. Kenneth A. Ricketts	PO Box 5631 Vail CO 81658	748-8758
5. LL LAMAR	PO Box 2879	Avon CO 81620
6. ROBERT KIRKHAM	Box 5631 Vail CO 81658	476-4433
7. Chris Lloyd	PO 6298 Vail CO 81658	748-9384
8. Kip E. Ricketts	PO 6218 Vail CO 81658	376-3752
9. Bonnie Briggs	POB 1814 Vail 81658	949-9454
10. Dan Pallister	Box 751 Avon 81620	328-5222
11. Caroline Bradford	Box 212 Red Cliff 81649	827-4203
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1. Elizabeth Haggart	512 Main St. Minturn CO 81645	970-827-9502
2. Tim Campbell	512 Main St Minturn CO	970 827 9504
3. Lance Larson	P.O. Box 554 Avon CO 81620	970 827-9502
4. E. G. Roth Pole	PO Box 1715 Breckenridge 80424	970/513-1601
5. Michael B. H.	PO BOX 18374 AVON CO. 81620	970.926.1558
6. Amy Myfandla	POB 33 Edwards	(970) 926-1405
7. Katherine J. Veine	P.O. 6734 Avon	970/949-1706
8. Debi L. Schindhaus	P.O. Box 2356 Avon	970-845-9807
9. Meghan Bensen	PO Box 1713 Avon,	970-926-2711
10. Barbara Z. Block	PO BOX 184 EDWARDS	970-6700
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2. Fugate	P.O. Box 2574 Edwards, CO	81632
3. Signet	P.O. Box 2984 Avon, CO	81620
4. Sean Ware	P.O. Box 3472 Avon, CO	81620
5. Jay Mat	Box 1036 VAIL, CO	81645-7522
6. Chris Covino	P.O. Box 4933 VAIL CO	81658
7. Bl Johnston	P.O. Box 5000 Edwards	81632
8. [Signature]	P.O. Box 3445, Avon CO	81620 949-925
9. Jack [Signature]	P.O. Box 1006 Hammond LA	70404
10. [Signature]	P.O. Box 6145 Avon CO	81620
11. Kunkin	P.O. Box 452 Avon, CO	81620
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1. Brian Hamed	P.O. Box 357 Avon	845-8718
2. Tom Rushlow	P.O. Box 7644 Avon	926-0427
3. Rich Zimmerman	Box 1930 Avon	845-8127
4. Deanna Dettert	P.O. Box 1541 Vail CO	81658 9497170
5. Brian Carey	P.O. Box 741 Edwards CO	
6. Kelly Euerling	Box 741 Edwards, CO	
7. Jeff [unclear]	P.O. Box 2302 Edwards	926-6030
8. Julie Morrow	P.O. Box 2302 Edwards, CO.	
9. Chad Ford	P.O. Box 6472 VAIL CO	81658
10. Melvin K. Starr	P.O. Box 442 VAIL CO	81658
11. Brent McLaughlin	P.O. 1138 Anton CO	81645
12. Heather M. Stolz	P.O. Box 8192 Avon CO	845-8368 81620
13. NANCY LENNON	P.O. Box 2064 Vail CO	

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1. Mark Shih	Po Box 8252, Avon, CO. 81620	845-7996
2. Green Bros	PO Box 7614 Avon, CO 81620	926-0427
3. Sean Derrin	PO Box 3363	926-3500
4. Monique Beck	1081 Vail View Dr # B112	476-1793
5. Lisa Derrin	PO Box 3363	926-2522
6. G. Fender	PO Box 118 Minturn	827-5463
7. Jennie Engstrom	PO 118 Minturn	827-5463
8. Marc A. Splittgerber	PO Box 2379 Edwards, CO	926-6204
9. Paul Clark	1500 E BOGART SANDUSKY, OH 1045 EDWARDS VILLAGE BLV.	419 433-7188
10. CHRIS AMOROSI	PO 1853 EDWARDS CO. 81632	970-926-5555
11. Heather Forbes	P.O. Box 6471 Avon Co. 81620	
12. Craig R. Sison	P.O. Box 6471 Avon, CO 81620	
13. David Miles	Box 171 EDWARDS 81632	
14. 11224 Burnett	Box 2033 Vail 81158	

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2. Melanie McKinney	P.O. Box 2402 Edwards 81632	926-2787
3. CRAIG HAUSCHILDT	PO Box 2000 VAIL 81658	949-1203
4. Steve Kirko	PO Box 2517 Edwards CO 81632	926-5303
5. Ken & Vicki Williamson	1329 Pittkin Ave GWS	
6. Vicki & Ken Williamson	1329 Pittkin Ave Apt #18 GWS CO.	970-928-0664
7. Brian Malloy	PO Box 1715 Edwards Co 81632	
8. Dana M. Volpaca	PO Box 4442 AVON, CO 81620	
9. Jason R. Romaine	PO Box 6943 Avon CO 81620	
10. ERIC BORGERSON	PO Box 4642 VAIL, CO. 81658	
11. Josh Orlosky	103 W. 89 NYC 10024	
12. David Clapp	2039 CHAMBERLAIN #4 VAIL	376-4478
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1. Gail Kennedy	PO 1552 Avon	845-7646
2. Emory Abbott	HCR 81 Box 61 Bond	653-4383
3. Tara Moutz	P.O. Box 2393 Vail	926-0216
4. Kelly Moutz	PO Box 2393 Vail	926-0216
5. Zac Lloyd	PO Box 6298 Vail	748-9384
6. Pam Hess	PO 3376 Avon 81620	926-5636
7. Kristin Raymond	P.O. Box 646 Gypsum 81622	926-1675
8. Mark Blickstaff	2935 Manns Ranch Rd Vail 81657	476-3043
9. David Lee Coffer	P.O. Box 215 Minturn 81645	827-5214
JB aka	PO Box 2151 (Yeah RFM?) (970)	827-5214
10. John Blandhard	1251 Main #11 Minturn, Co	81645
11. Anna Mery	PO 1533 Vail	81658 390-5249
12. Kristin Lundgren	PO Box 5241 VAIL, CO	476-4063

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2. APRIL PIERCE	PO BOX 2887 EDWARDS CO 81632	748-0497
3. HARRIS CARLOCK	" " 2255 "	" 748-1374
4. John Stuart	P.O. Box 1399 Avon Co 81620	
5. KYLE ROBERTS	PO 19420 Avon Co - 81620	
6. CHRIS BROWN	PO BOX 512 EDWARDS, CO. 81632	
7. Matt Sauer	P.O. Box 4637 Vail, CO 81658	
8. AUSSA ROBINSON	PO Box 2212 Edwards Co. 81632	
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We strongly support adoption of the FCC's Low Power FM (LPFM) proposals to create licenses for radio stations broadcasting at 1000 watts, 100 watts and 10 watts. Our rural community currently has no local public radio station due, in part, to the prohibitive costs associated with licensing and equipping such a station under current FCC rules and regulations. Furthermore, in the wake of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, commercial and noncommercial stations from outside our community have monopolized the available FM frequencies and prevented us from gaining access to the local airwaves. This is a disservice to our community, which would be greatly enhanced by the establishment of a low-power community-owned and operated FM station. By approving the proposed Low Power FM licenses, you would help give our community the local voice it needs and deserves.

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